



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

MERCHANT & GOULD (MICROSOFT)
P.O. BOX 2903
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55402-0903

COPY MAILED

JAN 26 2007

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :
Vij Rajarajan et al :
Application No. 10/014,114 :
Filed: December 11, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. :
MS167414.2/40062.150USU1

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed January 24, 2007, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), requesting withdrawal of the above-identified application from issue.

The petition is dismissed as moot for the reasons stated below.

A review of the file record discloses that a Notice of Allowance was mailed on November 14, 2006, with the issue fee being due on or before February 14, 2007. The issue fee in this case has not been paid.

37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) provides for withdrawal of an application from issue after payment of the issue fee. In the instant case, as noted above, the issue fee in reply to the Notice of Allowance of November 14, 2006, has not been received. Therefore, the filing of a petition to withdraw this application from issue is unnecessary at this time. The mere filing of an RCE and submission will effectively withdraw an application from issue prior to payment of the issue fee. In view thereof, the petition to withdraw from issue is dismissed as involving a moot issue.

Inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2163.

Karen Creasy
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions